GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal on Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai from the Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with date of its receipt;

(c) whether the Union Government has constituted a committee to examine the proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the committee has submitted its report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith present status of the proposal and by when it is likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals of revised Coastal Zone Management Plans for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai were received by the Central Government for approval in December, 1998.

(c) and (d) Government of India constituted an eight member Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri D.M. Sukthankar in May, 2000 to examine, inter-alia, the veracity of the representations against the alleged violations of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 in the revised Coastal Zone Management Plan of Navi Mumbai as also other related issues of Coastal Zone Management in Mumbai Urban Area. The Committee submitted its report in December, 2000.

(e) The revised Coastal Zone Management Plan of Mumbai was approved by Government of India in January, 2000 i.e., prior to constitution of the Expert Committee referred to at (c) and (d) above. However, revised Coastal Zone Management Plan of Navi Mumbai could not be approved due to its non-conformity with the existing provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.